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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM AUSTRALIAN DELS HOOTEN AND SMITH THAT
U.S. APPROACH IN MTN MEAT SUBGROUP WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH
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OVERALL U.S. OBJECTIVE IN MTN OF SEEKING LIBERALIZATION OF

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TRADE AND ELIMINATION OF TARIFF AND NONTARIFF BARRIERS. U.S. BELIEVES THAT DAMAGING AND DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF BEGGAR-THY-NEIGHBOR IMPORT MEASURES HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY EVIDENT AND DRAMATIC IN THE CASE OF MEAT.

2. WHILE EXPECTING THAT AUSTRALIA, WITH A MAJOR TRADE INTEREST IN MEAT, WILL TAKE A LEAD IN THE DISCUSSION, THE U.S. SHOULD URGE THAT SUBGROUP ADOPT WORK PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PERMIT CLEAR IDENTIFICATION AND DISCUSSION OF SOURCES OF RECENT PROBLEMS AND APPROPRIATE TECHNIQUES AND MODALITIES FOR DEALING WITH THEM. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN LINE WITH INITIAL AUSTRALIAN SUGGESTION PARA 3 REFTEL. U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF EC ATTITUDE TO GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP IS THAT COUNTRIES' TRADE POLICIES MAY BE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS BUT NOT, RPT NOT, CRITICIZED OR EXAMINED CRITICALLY. THUS, MTN SUBGROUP WOULD APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR MEANINGFUL EXAMINATION.

3. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, U.S. BELIEVES IT IS REALISTIC TO CONTEMPLATE AT LATER POINT SOME GENERAL NEGOTIATION AIMED AT REDUCING BARRIERS TO INTERNATIONAL MEAT TRADE. THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY NEED TO INCLUDE MODIFICATION OF EC MEAT CAP AND JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS. U.S. WOULD WELCOME GOA IDEAS ON HOW THIS AND OTHER MATTERS IN THE LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SECTOR MIGHT BE APPROACHED AND HOW THE TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT COOPERATE. KISSINGER

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